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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring the following item to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 04-078280 (MINOLTA CAMERA CO LTD), published March 12, 1992.

An English translation of the specification of JP (A) 04-078280 is submitted herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited document.

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